



Food Waste Recycling Growing Across State

Food waste recycling continues to expand in California, and Harrison Industries wants to thank our restaurant and other commercial customers for their crucial participation and commitment to this climate-saving effort.

Signed into law in 2016, the landmark California Senate Bill 1383 added food materials to the list of landscaping, agricultural and other green waste that should be recycled by commercial and residential customers, effective Jan. 1, 2022. The goal is to cut by 75 percent the amount of organic waste ending up in landfills by 2025 (with the 2014 amount as the baseline).

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) recently issued an update on SB 1383 implementation, and the numbers were encouraging. CalRecycle said:

- ◆ Almost 100 percent of California communities reported expanding commercial organic waste collection programs.
- ◆ About 75 percent reported they had residential organics collection programs in place.
- ◆ Disposal of organic materials at landfills declined by



2 million tons from 2014 to 2021, before SB 1383 even took full effect in 2022.

◆ California now has 206 organic waste processing facilities, and 20 more are being built.

“I have been really incredibly impressed by the commitment with our local government partners and our private partners to getting to success even when we have hurdles,” CalRecycle Director Rachel Wagoner told the Resource Recycling news group.

The state began requiring the diversion of food and other green waste from landfills to reduce emissions that contribute to climate change. Decomposition of organic waste in landfills creates methane, a greenhouse gas 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide when it comes to global warming.

Harrison began a pilot program for commercial food waste recycling years ago, so we already had data and experience when the mandate began. The program has continued to evolve and expand, thanks to your participation and help from our partner cities and counties, and our business

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Agromin Earns Grant for Composting Project

Agromin’s plans to expand its compost facility in the Santa Clara River Valley to handle commercial waste have received a big boost from the state of California.

The Oxnard-based company, a key business partner of Harrison Industries, secured a \$10 million state grant for the ongoing expansion of its compost facility at Limoneira Co. near Santa Paula.

The grant was part of \$130 million awarded under the state’s Organics Grant Program, which aims to reduce greenhouse gas pollution, convert food and yard

waste into clean energy and provide new “green” jobs. When organic waste is sent instead to landfills, it creates methane, a powerful contributor to global warming.

The \$130 million was awarded to 23 infrastructure projects in 15 counties, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) announced in December. The projects combined will create 114 new jobs while keeping more than 7.7 million tons of food and yard waste out of landfills – the pollution-saving equivalent of removing 480,000 cars

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Carpinteria Updates Single-Use Plastics Regulations

The city of Carpinteria updated Chapter 8.50 of its Municipal Code Regulating Polystyrene and Single-Use Plastics. The following changes might affect you and/or your business:

Prohibition of Polystyrene Products – Food providers and vendors cannot distribute or sell any polystyrene products consisting of foodware, packing materials, egg cartons, produce trays, meat and fish trays, or expanded polystyrene coolers.

Foodware Accessories and Condiments – Foodware accessories, which include food packaging and disposable utensils can only be provided to customers upon request and unbundled. Food delivery companies and online ordering are required to list accessories individually.

Redefining “Compostable” and “Recyclable” – Compostable products shall be designed to be collected for recovery with organic waste. Recyclable products shall be sorted, cleansed and reconstituted using Carpinteria’s available recycling collection programs.

Reusable Foodware – Customers can bring in their own reusable foodware to be used at a food facility. Food providers have the discretion to prepare and maintain written procedures and may provide a discount to customers.

Foil and Latex Balloons – Foil balloons cannot be sold or distributed within city limits and cannot be used on public property. Latex balloons cannot be used at a city function or released within the city when filled with air or lighter-than-air gas.

For more information, email sustainability@carpinteriaca.gov.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 13 – Household Goods and Hazardous Waste Day – 5775 Carpinteria Ave., 9 a.m. -1 p.m
- ◆ April 13 & April 20 – Composting Workshops – 4855 5th St.

For more info contact sustainability@carpinteriaca.gov

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partners, Agromin and Gold Coast Recycling. Agromin, in fact, has become a statewide leader in organics recycling and is currently expanding processing facilities in Oxnard and the Santa Clara River Valley.

Under SB 1383, commercial customers must recycle all their organic waste, including food waste, unless they have a waiver. Another law, Assembly Bill 1826, requires businesses that generate as little as 2 cubic yards of solid waste per week to take action to recycle their organic materials. Those involved in food waste recycling programs must have bins available to customers and/or employees.

The SB 1383 rules apply to all businesses, organizations, nonprofits and multifamily properties with five or more units. Businesses must either have a recycling and organics curbside collection service or take recyclables and organic waste to a recycling or composting facility themselves.

All businesses must provide organic and recycling bins next to each trash bin for their employees, contractors, tenants and customers, except in areas that do not generate any recycling or organic waste. Waste bins must be clearly labeled to show which materials go where. And they must be inspected quarterly for cross-contamination.

A business may seek approval from its municipality for a waiver if it generates a minimal amount of paper, cardboard and organic waste or doesn’t have adequate space for recycling and organic waste bins.

Every business owner customer of Harrison must participate in the recycling program. If you haven’t signed up, contact us immediately to determine your individual requirements and waiver eligibility. Email Harrison Contract Compliance Field Supervisor Donald Sealund at donalds@ejharrison.com or Contract Compliance Manager Daniel Harrison at danielh@ejharrison.com.

For more information about food waste recycling and the state legislation that mandates it, visit ejharrison.com/food-waste.

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from our roads, CalRecycle said.

The Agromin grant will help create more than 26 jobs and divert 681,000 tons of organic waste, CalRecycle said. When the expansion is complete, the Limoneira site will be able to process both commercial and residential food and yard waste, converting it to compost and renewable energy. The state-of-the-art facility, a decade in the works, received final Ventura County approval last year.

Another Agromin facility, Mountain View in Oxnard, is also permitted and undergoing improvements to handle source-separated food material commercially.

For more information on food waste recycling, visit ejharrison.com/food-waste.

Slowing Climate Change, One Person at a Time

Donald Sealund faces many challenges in his job with Harrison Industries, including educating restaurants and the public in general about the importance of recycling food waste and other items. But he manages it with a singular approach – “one person at a time,” he says.

“If I can get one customer a day to change their ways, I feel good about it,” he says.

As Harrison’s contract compliance field supervisor for the past decade, Donald has become one of the company’s top champions of the environment. His many duties include helping restaurants and other businesses comply with state Senate Bill 1383, which aims to greatly reduce the amount of organic waste ending up at landfills. Such waste produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

“I am totally passionate about it,” Donald says. “The more methane we can keep out of landfills, the more we can slow climate change.”

Donald helped create Harrison’s groundbreaking pilot program for commercial food waste recycling in 2012. “I’ve always wanted us to stay ahead of the mandates,” Donald says. “It’s good to see the improvement since then. I love to be able to reach out to people and get it done.”

Donald and his team of auditors work with restaurants and other commercial clients, as well as local government and nonprofit agencies, to help them understand the rules and set



Patrick Miskel, David Holaday, Eddie Ponce and Donald Sealund (left to right) are the Harrison team that educates commercial customers every day about the importance of recycling food waste.

up recycling programs. It’s a long-term task. High employee turnover at restaurants, for example, may necessitate repeated visits by the team.

The team also oversees food waste and other recycling at many large public events, such as the Avocado Festival in Carpinteria and last year’s X Games in Ventura. Not only do team members sort and recycle everything they can at such events, they also hand out fliers and talk to the public there about recycling.

“Donald really loves his job even with the big challenges,” says Nan Drake, Harrison’s

director of governmental affairs and public relations. “When he is out with the public, people really like and admire his work. He has a special way of helping them understand the importance of recycling organic waste and keeping it out of landfills.”

“We have a successful organics program because of Donald,” says Erin Maker, environmental program manager for the city of Carpinteria. “His approach of working with people in the field and helping them evaluate current and future waste needs is the foundation of the successful diversion program in Carpinteria.”

For his part, Donald gives credit to his main auditing team: Patrick Miskel, David Holaday and Eddie Ponce. They are educating customers every day “and get them on the right path,” Donald says.

“I think it’s really important for everyone to start a recycling program,” he says. “You can start small and build from there.”

Need a Dumpster or Bin for Your Spring Project?

Harrison Industries can supply temporary bins and large roll-off dumpsters for all your commercial needs this spring, including business expansions, renovations and cleanups.

Roll-offs and bins can be rented on a temporary basis and come in a variety of sizes for different projects, such as remodeling and other construction, special events, cleanups, disaster scenes, industrial sites, office complexes, recycle projects, demolition and agriculture.

We offer:

◆ 3-yard bins, which are about 6 feet 9 inches by 3 feet 6 inches and 4 feet 3 inches tall, with a maximum weight capacity of 700 pounds. They are ideal for small cleanups and come with plastic lids and wheels.



3-yard bin



10-yard bin



25-yard bin



40-yard bin

◆ 10-yard roll-off containers, which are about 16 feet by 8 feet by 2 feet. They can be used for removing concrete, dirt, asphalt, sod and other heavy materials.

◆ 25-yard and 40-yard roll-off containers, which are about 22 by 8 by 4 feet, and 22 by 8 by 6 feet, respectively. They are intended for construction sites, roofing projects, land clearing, demolition, weed abatement, furniture and appliances. The 10-, 25- and 40-yard bins all have a 10-ton weight capacity.

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Recycling Guidelines

Keep your recyclables clean and loose!

Clean = NO contamination; Loose = DO NOT put in plastic bags, except shredded paper



YES



NO



Trash Guidelines - What goes in the Trash?

Hopefully, very little. After you have recycled, composted, filled the yard waste cart or bin, donated old clothing and goods, and done all of those good things and more – most of the rest can go in the trash.



YES



NO



For information on how to dispose of items not accepted in the trash, please call: Carpinteria 805-880-3415.

ORGANICS RECYCLING

Commercial customers who generate food or other organic waste are required to recycle it. To set up a program for your business or multifamily complex, contact Donald Sealund at donalds@ejharrison.com or 805-647-1414, ext. 4318.



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Yard Waste Guidelines

Keep green waste a natural resource and out of the landfill.



YES



NO



Call 1-800-CLEANUP for more certified used oil recycling locations. Funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

ABOP RECYCLING CENTER

Recycle at Carpinteria City Hall - keep items separated

- ◆ Antifreeze*
- ◆ Oil*
- ◆ Mercury Based Thermostats
- ◆ Compact Fluorescent Bulbs/ Fluorescent Light Tubes (Max 6 light tubes)
- ◆ Batteries
- ◆ Paint*
- ◆ E-Waste - 3 items only (TVs, Computers, etc.)

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